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1. Project Description

A. Statement of GO Activity

Project Description - Ground Operations - High Sierra Ranger District

General activities of Ground Operations for OHV/OSV Projects are maintenance of bulletin boards, toilet buildings, staging areas and campsites; installation and maintenance of directional signs on routes; monitoring visitor use through traffic counters and field/office contacts; volunteer coordination of Host patrol groups, Adopt-A-Trail volunteers and visitor services in the office and field.

District specifics for Ground Operations consist of:

Program management and routine work includes the coordination of Forest Recreation Technicians, non-recreation employees, and volunteers who assist with meeting the terms and conditions of the cooperative agreement. The program funds personnel to work with volunteers to procure all needed equipment and supplies. The OHV/OSV Program Specialists will accomplish this work with contributed time from other district and forest employees (specialists, fire staff, other recreation staff). Though not funded through this project, the Forest OHV/OSV Coordinator is responsible for consistency in program management and delivery and confirms activities are in accordance with State of California requirements identified in the Cooperative Agreement.

Facilities maintenance includes repair and occasional reconstruction of the over 12 bulletin boards at OHV trailheads, staging areas and concentrated use areas. District high elevation trailhead bulletin boards are winterized with heavy plastic sheeting at the end of the year to prevent weather damage. All bulletin boards are painted when needed and refurbished with signs at the start of the season. All staging areas and 30 destination campsites are cleaned up pre and post season with continual care and policing throughout the season.

Trail Maintenance - High Sierra Ranger District

Trail maintenance for safe passage and protection of cultural resources, sensitive habitats and species includes brushing, fallen tree removal, erosion control, creek armoring, reducing multiple trails, and barrier construction/installation to prevent off trail impacts, light tread work related to safe passage, rock removal, litter cleanup, and clean out of drainages and water-bars along the trail. Installation and maintenance of non-law enforcement signs, and traffic counters, are also included.

To avoid increases in future maintenance costs, the High Sierra Ranger District proposes to utilize a highly skilled Trails Specialist and crew: the Sierra National Forest Trailshots. The quality of the construction produced by the trail crew often exceeds a ten year life expectancy. The Trailshots have constructed corduroy causeways through most of the crossings of Dusy Creek on the 33 mile Dusy-Ershim OHV route. The causeways are now approaching ten years old and only requires annual maintenance to continue protecting the extensive riparian zone. We are currently in the planning process for upcoming projects that will replace/repair some existing structures on the Dusy Ershim route.

Proper maintenance of a trail relates directly to maintaining safe riding conditions. Erosion gullies, slides, down trees, rocks, roots, and low branches can be hazardous to trail riders regardless of the type of OHV/OSV they choose to operate. Early season trail maintenance should concentrate on making trails safe and passable, while at the same time reducing erosion potential. The maintained and diverse opportunities will hopefully satisfy the needs of the users and minimize impact on lands where OHV/OSV recreation is prohibited by law. This is exactly the strategy adopted by the OHV/OSV Program Specialists on the Sierra National Forest to sustain and enhance OHV/OSV opportunities and OHV/OSV recreation.

B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation

The High Sierra Ranger District will sustain long-term use of the roads and trails for OHV/OSV recreation. Off Highway Motorized Vehicle Recreation funds will enable us to have a sufficient staffing in the field to observe and react to changes

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in trail tread, vegetation and wildlife habitat conditions.

The High Sierra Ranger District will maintain 80 miles of designated OHV routes,15 miles of motorized event routes and 234 miles of OSV routes including maintenance for safe passage and protection of resources.

Trail maintenance for safe passage and protection of resources includes brushing, fallen tree removal, erosion control, creek armoring, reducing multiple trails, and barrier construction/installation to prevent off trail impacts, light tread work related to safe passage, rock removal, litter cleanup, and clean out of drainages and water-bars along the trail. Installation and maintenance of non-law enforcement signs, and traffic counters are also included.

Another key component addressing trail maintenance and vegetation changes is proper signing. When we cannot make a personal contact, we must rely on information displayed on bulletin boards at trailheads and staging areas. Easy to read bulletin boards with brief, concise information is important for setting our visitors up for a positive recreation experience.

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The project is designed to provide the maximum efficiency in the use of funds by optimizing partnerships with a reliable, low cost labor force of OHV/OSV volunteers reducing overall project costs, therefore, reducing reliance on OHV funds. Work history shows these volunteers are very capable of conducting trail maintenance activities. Volunteers support and enhance all field work to maintain OHV routes and restore damage in and around OHV areas. Volunteers on the High Sierra RD contributed 1834 hours for Trail Maintenance and patrol in 2008. The Adopt-A-Trail volunteers have been providing their service to the District since the early 1960's and will continue to support the activities of the District's OHV/OSV Program.

Volunteers provide a direct link for planning purposes as to what is happening on the ground in terms of rider involvement, quality of trail system, and feed back as to improvements or needs for a successful program. Other participation in the planning process will be minimal except for their input through there attendance of public meetings. The OHV/OSV Host volunteers for the Sierra National Forest, who assist with patrol of the areas, are trained to inform and educate the public on regulations, legal riding areas, general forest rules, public contact, report writing, communications, trail maintenance, and emergency procedures. Our volunteers have shown a commitment to the protection of the forest resources and educating forest visitors with over 4,000 hours contributed in 2007. At the present time volunteers provide us with low-cost labor while they patrol in and around they assist in educating the public in the resource protection and Tread Lightly. They also provide trail maintenance on routes and are always ready to assist with any type of construction project.

This planning effort is a prime example of the most efficient use of funds granted to the Forest Service. The specialists and OHV/OSV staff involved with this planning effort will provide strategies and/or mitigation to protect sensitive plants, wildlife, and heritage resources, and will strive to protect soils and water quality while sustaining OHV/OSV opportunities.

C. Size of the Project

Summer OHV

The High Sierra Ranger District, covering the south half of the Sierra National Forest, has a network of 80 miles of four wheel drive routes along with 539 miles of Level 2 roads, both offering challenges for the novice or expert OHV enthusiast. Of the 13 routes available, 11 have lakes either along the route or as destinations providing dispersed camping and day use opportunities. The Jose Basin and Blue Canyon areas provide great opportunities when the 80 miles of trail in the high country close due to snow. The large areas closed to motorized use are five wilderness areas and the Kings River Special Management Area.

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Winter OSV

The High Sierra Ranger District provides a destination winter recreation location for those visitors seeking to pursue snow related activities. The District's winter recreation trailheads are located on Highway 168, north of Shaver Lake, at both Tamarack Ridge, elevation 7600 feet, and Huntington Lake, elevation 7000 feet. Three trailheads service 234 miles of designated snowmobile trails. There are 209 miles of snowmobile trails groomed throughout the winter season. The groomed trail system provides access to approximately 72,800 acres of public land available for open snowmobile recreation. A snowmobiler can park at any of the three snowmobile trailheads and have access to the entire trail system. Of the 32 designated trails, some are loop trails and many are destination trails to scenic overlooks and lakes.

D. Location and description of OHV opportunities

There are 13 separate trails in the 80-mile system. There are also 539 miles of Level II roads available for use by the novice or expert OHV enthusiast. Many of these roads are used by beginners to practice and improve their skills before attempting more challenging routes. Most of the trails have a lake along the trail or as a destination. Camping is available at all of the lakes found in the OHV areas. Camping is permitted 100 feet from any lake, stream, or wet areas to protect riparian vegetation and water quality. The lower elevation trails open around Memorial Day weekend and remaining trails open as the snow recedes. The highlight of the system is the 33-mile long Dusy-Ershim trail that reaches elevations of 10,000 feet! This is one of the toughest trails in the state, both for the driver and the vehicle.

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2. **Rerouting Requirements**

Re	erouting		
(a)	Does your project involve rerouting of any roads and trails?	☐ Yes	☑ No
	If response to question (a) is 'Yes', a Project timeline, conceptual drawings and site 'Attachments' tab at the top of the screen)	plans are	required (See
	If response to question (a) is 'No', skip details related to rerouting		

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- 1. Project Timeline (Required if project includes necessary rerouting)
- 2. Conceptual Drawings and Site Plans (Required if project includes necessary rerouting)
- 3 Project-Specific Maps
- 4. Optional Project-Specific Application Documents

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Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009 Agency: USFS - Sierra National Forest Application: Ground Operations OHV/OSV High Sierra RD

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APPLICANT NAME :	USFS - Sierra National Forest				
PROJECT TITLE :	Ground Operations OHV/OSV High Si	ierra RD		PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	
PROJECT TYPE :	Acquisition	Development	Educatio	n & Safety	Ground Operations
	Law Enforcement	Planning	Restorat	ion	
	Project Description - Ground Operatio	ns - High Sierra Ranger District			
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Specialists on the Sierra National Forest to sustain and enhance OHV/OSV opportunities and OHV/OSV recreation.

Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total			
Staff								
260.000	233.000	DAY	30,290.00	30,290.00	60,580.00			
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90.000	120.000	DAY	5,400.00	5,400.00	10,800.00			
12.000	242.000	DAY	1,452.00	1,452.00	2,904.00			
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5.000	200.000	EA	500.00	500.00	1,000.00			
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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
5	Equipment Purchases						
	Other-Motorcycle	1.000	5000.000	EA	2,500.00	2,500.00	5,000.00
	Other-Snowmobile	1.000	12000.000	EA	6,000.00	6,000.00	12,000.00
	Total for Equipment Purchases				8,500.00	8,500.00	17,000.00
6	Others						
	Stationery Supplies	1.000	150.000	MISC	75.00	75.00	150.00
	Printing	5.000	50.000	EA	125.00	125.00	250.00
	Total for Others				200.00	200.00	400.00
7	Administrative Costs						
Total	Program Expenses				71,800.00	71,800.00	143,600.00
ТОТА	TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES					71,800.00	143,600.00
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Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009 Agency: USFS - Sierra National Forest Application: Ground Operations OHV/OSV High Sierra RD

	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative			
DIRE	IRECT EXPENSES							
Prog	ram Expenses							
1	Staff	60,500.00	60,500.00	121,000.00				
2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00				
3	Materials / Supplies	2,300.00	2,300.00	4,600.00				
4	Equipment Use Expenses	300.00	300.00	600.00				
5	Equipment Purchases	8,500.00	8,500.00	17,000.00				
6	Others	200.00	200.00	400.00				
7	Administrative Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00				
Total	Program Expenses	71,800.00	71,800.00	143,600.00				
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Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS) for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009
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Application: Ground Operations OHV/OSV High Sierra RD

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1.	Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto pop	ulates from Cost Es	stimate)		
1.	As calculated on the Project Cost Estime Applicant is 3	ate, the percentage	of the cost of the Project covered by the		
	(Check the one most appropriate) (Pleat 76% or more (10 points) 51% - 75% (5 points) 26% - 50% (3 points) 25% (Match minimum) (No points)		st)		
2.	Failure to Complete - Q 2.				
2.	Failure to complete the Project would re	esult in: 8			
	(Check all that apply): Maximum of 8 p ✓ Loss of OHV Opportunity (6 points) ✓ Negative impact to cultural sites (2 ☐ Damage to special-status species ☐ Potential trespass (2 points) ☐ Additional damage to Facilities (1 points)	e) Points) or other sensitive ha			
	Explain each statement that was check	ed			
	areas would likely lead to a loss or decr could harm public health and safety. La	reased level of recreations ack of maintenance to	ds, toilet buildings, destination campsites, and stagation opportunities. Non-maintenance of toilet build any facility, whether it is a toilet building, bulleting placement costs. Lack of funding would make it	dings	

3. Sustain OHV Opportunity - Q 3.

permanent loss of cultural sites.

3. The Project would sustain OHV Opportunity by 12

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

✓ Maintaining trail or road tread (5 points)

✓ Installing or repairing erosion control features (3 points)

☑ Providing traffic control and/or educational signage (3 points)

Maintaining multi use (ATV, Dirt Bikes, 4x4, etc) (1 point)

☑ Providing varied levels of riding difficulty (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

The goal of the High Sierra Ranger district is to maintain 80 miles of designated OHV routes and 234 miles of designated OSV routes, rated from beginner to most difficult, including maintenance for safe passage and protection of resources. Volunteers are used to open the trails in the early season, install traffic control and educational signage, and conduct light trail maintenance, along with work that protects vegetation, cultural resources and habitats. Light maintenance includes brushing, fallen tree removal, tread reinforcing related to safe passage and resource protection, rock removal, litter cleanup, creek armoring, and installing/repairing erosion control features along the trail. Proper maintenance of trail and facilities will always extend the useful life of the facility or trail.

difficult to provide the necessary services to the public and to coordinate volunteer activities. Our relationship with our OHV/OSV volunteers has produced numerous benefits to the public and to the OHV/OSV program in general.

There are many cultural sites along the OHV routes. Failing to fund the project would result in damage or

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4. Public Input - Q 4.

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4.	The Project was developed with public input employing the following 2
	(Check all that apply): Maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values) ✓ Meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point) Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point) ✓ Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)
	Explain each statement that was checked
	The largest stakeholders would be the 4X4 clubs and the OSV club and their members. On occasion a Forest Service employee will attend monthly club meetings to answer question and update members on OHV/OSV news. OHV/OSV management on the Sierra NF has tried diverse ways to educate the public such as: displays and presentations at large shopping malls, state OHV conventions and high schools and colleges. These efforts will continue in the future.
	Public input has been solicitated in the past through public meetings. Meetings are advertised through mailings to past interested parties, newspaper articles and articles posted on the Forest website. For the current grant application the Sierra's Forest website posted an article explaining the Forest's grant application. The article explained we were seeking public input for this grant and directed the public to the State's website to review the grant.
ı	Utilization of Partnerships - Q 5.
5.	The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 4
	(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)
	© 4 or more (4 points) C 2 to 3 (2 points)
	C 1 (1 point) None (No points)
	List partner organization(s):
	On the Sierra National Forest we have developed an adopt-a-trail progam that gives OHV/OSV clubs and volunteers the opportunity to help the Forest Service. The clubs will help open and maintain our trail systems in conjunction with Forest Service OHV/OSV staff. The clubs are as follows: 4X4 Him Christain Wheelers, Clovis Independent 4X4 Club, Lock and Low 4X4 Club, Mountain Toppers, Hang M High 4X4 Club of Fresno and Sierra Snowmobile Club.
ı	Impact to Natural and Cultural Resources - Q 6.
6.	The Project will avoid and/or minimize impact to natural and cultural resources by 6
	(Check all that apply): Maximum of 7 points (Please select applicable values) ✓ Maintaining physical barriers to control OHV use (1 point) ✓ Protecting water quality (1 point) ✓ Providing bridges instead of wet crossings where appropriate (1 point) ✓ Protecting special-status species (1 point) ✓ Re-routing trails to divert away from riparian/wetlands areas (1 point) ✓ Providing sanitary facilities (1 point) ✓ Protecting cultural site(s) (1 point)
	Site design precludes the need for the above measures (7 points)

Explain each statement that was checked

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Maintenance of erosion control features will be a high priority in the spring when water is on the trails. During spring trail openings, water is channeled off trails to dry the trail and make it ready for use. All trails are monitored for effectiveness of erosion control structures during the summer season and especially at the end of the season. All erosion control features are made ready for use in order to disperse water/runoff when winter rains begin. Barriers are used and maintained to keep vehicles on identified routes and out of closed and/or protected areas. This helps prevent soil loss, trail degradation, use of cheater routes around challenging sections, and development of non-system routes. Barriers also help protect cultural resources, natural resources, and sensitive species and their habitats.

We have built pit toilets along most of our popular routes. We plan on building more when needed. We will also

7.	Recycled	Materials	- 0.7
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	build bridges where needed in order to make safe passage and protect resources.		
	Recycled Materials - Q 7.		
7.	The Project incorporates recycled materials by utilizing 3		
	(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values) ✓ Barrier materials which include recycled content or materials obtained onsite (1 point) ✓ Signs, sign posts or education kiosks which use products with recycled content (1 point) ✓ Erosion control features which use materials with recycled content (1 point) ✓ Paper used for trail maps which includes recycled content (1 point) ✓ Other products with recycled content (Specify) (1 point)		
Sustainable Technologies - Q 8.			
8.	 The Project makes substantial use of sustainable technologies such as 4 Alternative fuel vehicles and equipment Renewable energy sources (e.g., solar, wind) Low volatile organic compound emission materials (e.g., paint, sealants, carpet) Low flow plumbing fixtures Water efficient landscaping 		
	(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from No (No points)	n list) • Yes (4 points)	
	Explain 'Yes' response		
All of our painting projects (bulletin boards, toilets, tables and signs) are painted with water base		and signs) are painted with water based paints.	
Motorized Access - Q 9.			
 The Project improves and/or maintains facilities that provide motorized motorized recreation opportunities 6 		de motorized access to the following non-	
	(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)		
	Camping	Birding	
	☑ Hiking	Equestrian trails	
	▽ Fishing	Rock Climbing	
	☐ Other (Specify)		

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